

## **Screening Criteria for Dermabrasion (CPT codes 15780 –15783) Abrasion (CPT code 15786) and Chemical Peel (CPT codes 15788 – 15793)**

### **Definitions:**

**Dermabrasion/Abrasion** is a deep mechanical peel, using a high speed rotating sanding wheel or wire brush to peel away the skin.

**Chemical peeling** uses a chemical solution in order to improve the skin's appearance.

These procedures can reduce or eliminate fine lines under the eyes and around the mouth, correct uneven skin pigmentation, remove pre-cancerous skin growths (keratoses), and soften acne or treat the scars caused by acne.

### **Indications and Limitations of Coverage:**

#### **Coverage:**

- Treating severe, deep acne scarring not responsive to conservative treatment. All conservative treatments must have been attempted and **documented** for at least 6 months before medical necessity is determined.
- The removal of pre-cancerous skin growths (keratoses).

#### **Not Covered:**

- Rhytidectomy (face lift)
- Salabrasion (tattoo removal)
- Services that enhance the appearance for cosmetic reasons.

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Signature of Medical Director

Effective Date